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Fullerene and their Derivatives

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please cancel Claims 3, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. Please add new Claims 13 through 24  
in the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: